

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 9-12, 15, 18, 23-27 and 30-33 remain in the application with claims 1, 10, 11, 15, 24, 25, 26, 32, and 33 having been amended hereby and claims 2, 3, 13, 14, 16, 17, 28, and 29 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 11 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 11 has been amended hereby to depend from independent claim 1.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 9-11, 13, 15, 16, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31, and 32 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Kartalopoulos.

In paragraph 9. of the instant official action, claims 3, 17, 25, 29, and 33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include claims 2 and 3 in their entirety. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled.

Claim 15 has been amended hereby to include claims 16 and 17 in their entirety, and claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled.

Claim 27 has been amended hereby to include claims 28 and 29 in their entirety, and claims 28 and 29 have been

cancelled.

Claims 13 and 14 have been also cancelled hereby.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments made to the independent claims to include the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the independent claims in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 25 and 33 have been placed in independent form by including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 4, 12, 14, 18, 26, and 30 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Kartalopoulos in view of Hovorka et al.


Claims 4, 12, 14, 18, 26, and 30 are dependent claims depending from respective independent claims, which all now include the allowable subject matter as noted hereinabove.

Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, and the cancellation of claims 2, 3, 13, 14, 16, 17, 28, and 29, it is respectfully submitted that only allowable claims remain in this application.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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